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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed CIA Building

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1. On 14 September 1954 a meeting, attended by Messrs. Garrison, [REDACTED] of the Logistics Office, and myself, was held in Colonel White's office for the purpose of discussing the above matter. As the result of this discussion, the following plan of action was decided on.

a. Indicate on a map of the District of Columbia and surrounding Maryland and Virginia where Government buildings could be erected in accordance with QDM dispersion standards.

b. Indicate on the same map where the Agency must be located in order that the Director will be within a twenty minute drive of the White House.

c. Determine whether or not the location indicated in b. above would require an exception from QDM dispersion standards.

d. Determine available sites which meet the above criteria with availability confirmed by GSA.

e. Conclude that Langley appears to be the most suitable location and list the pros and cons of that site, which should include:

(1) Drive to White House

(2) Terrain

(3) Construction cost, as against construction cost in the D. C. area.

(4) Parking facilities

(5) Accessibility

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(6) Public transportation

(7) Future bridge and construction program
in that area.

2. It was further decided to prepare for General Clark's Committee statistics on the basis of such a building to indicate savings which would accrue and a comparison of these savings, against cost of the building. The result of where the various major components of the Agency would fit in a proposed building were also discussed but this would be a secondary consideration at the present time.

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